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Serial No.: 10/580,196 : Art Unit: 3747

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For: METHOD FOR IGNITING

COMBUSTION OF FUEL IN A
COMBUSTION CHAMBER OF AN
ENGINE, ASSOCIATED DEVICE

AND ENGINE

## **RESPONSE**

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Responsive to the October 28, 2008 final Office Action, reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested in view of the following comments.

## Final Rejection Premature

All of the rejections based on prior patents have been withdrawn, and the claimed subject - matter is indicated as being allowable over those patents. A new rejection is raised and directed to the subject matter previously recited in original claim 6 and now included within new independent claim 15. Since the claim wording now objected to was previously recited in the